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In re Application of :
BLEVINS, Joseph, S., Sr. :
Application No.: 10/526,951 : DECISION
PCT No.: PCT/US2003/028149 :
Int. Filing Date: 09 September 2003 :
Priority Date: 10 September 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 283359-00360-3 :
For: HOT STANDBY METHOD AND APPARATUS :

This decision is in response to applicant's "REQUEST FOR REFUND" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 27 March 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 09 September 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/US2003/028149, which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 10 September 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 25 March 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 10 March 2005.

On 08 March 2005, applicant filed, *inter alia*, a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee and an authorization to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 02-2556.

On 27 March 2006, applicant filed the instant "REQUEST FOR REFUND".

DISCUSSION

The request for refund requests a refund of the fees charged to Deposit Account 02-2556 on 13 February 2006. A review of the application file indicates that this charge was made in error. The \$250 charged on this date for fifty sheets in excess of 100 has been credited to Deposit Account 02-2556.

CONCLUSION

The request for refund under 37 CFR 1.26 is **GRANTED** for the reasons set forth above.



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